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In reply refer to: FA/FCB-1037

21 August 1951 ✓

Registered-Return Receipt Requested

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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our Contract No. [REDACTED] for export packing. 25X1A5a1

In accordance with the telephone conversation between you and Mr. [REDACTED] of this Agency and paragraph 5 of the subject contract the claims for damages of [REDACTED] are enclosed.

Please advise the undersigned if any additional information is required and let us know as soon as possible when settlements will be made. As one of the claimants is in a remote and rather backward foreign country the loss of his household effects is an extreme hardship and practically impossible to repair or replace at such a remote place.

In view of the statements by claimants that the losses were caused by poor packing rather than rough handling and also in view of the inconveniences suffered by them it is felt that the full amount of damages allowable under the contract should be paid as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Chief, Contract Branch

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YSTATEMENT REGARDING DAMAGE TO HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

My household effects were packed in a careless and negligent fashion. Boxes of relatively delicate kitchen equipment were packed with no excelsior or shredded paper to protect the contents; items within were protected from each other by no more than a single sheet of paper. Items were packed loosely, crashed into and crushed one another. A "Mesco" roaster and a "Sunbeam" waffle iron were packed on top of smaller kitchen items, with nothing but a single sheet of paper separating the roaster and the iron. Both were ruined.

No apparent system was used in the crating -- large items were packed on the bottom or on the top and smaller items were thrown in the crevices. There was no regard for weight, value or fragility. Items which already were in cases or boxes, such as a portable sewing machine and plastic playing cards, were simply put into a crate with many other loose items. As a result, the loose parts of the sewing machine flew around freely and completely ruined the sewing machine case and broke parts of the machine itself. The playing card case top came off, probably almost immediately, and the cards ultimately were distributed throughout the crate and many were broken.

Other examples of poor packing were highly evident. An unprotected alarm clock was packed adjacent to six unprotected plastic ice box dishes. All seven items were broken. Chest of drawers were packed so that the drawers could swing in and out for about 4 inches, resulting in several broken drawers, severe scratches on the fronts of the drawers, and the chests were shaken out of line.

Nails were pounded indiscriminately through the tops and side of the boxes often puncturing, denting, or rippling the contents. Severe dents and actual holes were thus made in the "Sunbeam" electric coffee maker, a hand-hammered pitcher, and several other items.

There were no holes in the packing cases, more were there any broken slats in the cases. All the damage occurred within the boxes and is a direct result of poor packing. Most of the damage can never be repaired properly. Those items which can be repaired will never again have their previous appearance or value. Some items which could be repaired in the States cannot be repaired here and are a direct loss for two or more years.

The damage herein described has been witnessed by an authorized representative of this station and the accuracy of the above statements is attested to by the Bureau Chief. The estimate of damage in dollars has been made in accordance with the original cost of the item, its depreciation, replacement value and cost of repair. The attached estimate is conservative.

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LIST OF BROKEN ITEMS IN SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD
EFFECTS OF [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

Item	Value
Sunbeam automatic toaster (battered, electrical unit broken)	\$30.00
Sunbeam automatic coffee maker (nail holes, doesn't work)	30.00
Hammered aluminum pitcher (nail holes, leaks badly)	5.00
Six plastic ice box dished and covers (smashed)	5.00
Lid to one-quart revereware saucepan (smashed)	2.50
Lid to two-quart revereware saucepan (smashed)	2.50
Lid to four-quart revereware saucepan (smashed)	2.50
Lid to frying pan (revereware) (smashed)	2.50
Handle on two-quart revereware saucepan (broken off)	7.00
Cake tins (smashed)	1.00
Cake dish (broken to bits)	1.00
Colander (flattened)	1.00
Cannister set and breadbox (all badly dented, lids useless)	7.00
Large mix master bowl (broken)	5.00
Mixmaster (broken)	30.00
Four town and country vegetable dished (broken)	4.00
Sunbeam waffle iron (lid smashed, electrical unit broken)	30.00
Large kitchen cabinet (battered, doors out of line, scratched)	18.00
Mesco automatic electric roaster (battered very severely and will not work)	65.00
Four one-gallon jugs of bleach (all broken)	3.50
Kitchen time clock (broken and unusable)	5.00
Two nine by twelve rugs (nail rips, severe)	25.00
Davenport (both arms completely crushed, favric torn by nails)	75.00
Dining table (top cracked)	40.00
Dining table leaf (missing)	15.00
Baby crib (leg cracked and badly scratched)	12.50
Full length mirror (smashed to smithereens)	12.00
One chest of drawers (chipped and two drawers with fronts completely knocked off)	10.00
One chest of drawers (chipped and three drawers had fronts completely knocked off)	15.00
One chest of drawers (chipped and one drawer had front completely broken off)	5.00
(All three chests above were knocked out of line and remaining drawers will not close properly)	
One alarm clock (broken)	2.50
Sewing machine (case completely smashed and machine broken)	50.00
Two decks of plastic playing cards (cards broken)	7.50
Large hors d'ocuvres tray (broken)	10.00
	\$37.00

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